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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s):

SUBJECT: Summary of Terrorist Activities
Reported February 17-24, 1977

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February 17: Two groups of persons, reportedly terrorists, robbed a total of 9 vehicles from two garages in Buenos Aires.

Two terrorists and one police officer were killed in a gunbattle in Ezpeleta, approximately 20 kms south of Buenos Aires.

Bomb was thrown from a vehicle at the intersection of Cordoba and Gran Canaria. Two workers of the Roca RR station were injured.

February 18: At approximately 0130 hrs, 9 terrorists, one of whom was a woman, were shot and killed by the police in an area between Pinto & Lujano Streets in Buenos Aires. Newspaper reports reflect that this shoot out was approximately 1 1/2 hrs duration.

At approximately 0835 hrs, a remote control bomb was detonated in Aeroparque at approximately the same time the President's plane was departing for Bahia Blanca. Police speculate that the explosive device was to have exploded as the President's plane taxied past it on the runway. However, due to the plane's light load, it did not utilize the full runway and was airborne prior to passing over the area in which the bomb was planted. The President and his party were not injured. Police also deactivated a second explosive device a short distance from the first.

Two armed persons entered a local garage and robbed two vehicles.



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February 18: During the evening, incendiary devices
(cont) were placed inside buses at several locations in Buenos Aires. Police alerted all patrol cars to pay particular attention to bus terminals.

A bomb exploded at Mexico and Virrey Cebellos causing material damage but no personal injuries. This is the residence of an Air Force intelligence service officer.

February 20: Four armed men in a Ford Falcon vehicle placed a bomb which exploded shortly after their departure at Cucha Cucha-300. Police set up traffic control road blocks but were unsuccessful in apprehending anyone.

February 22: Three terrorists engaged in a shoot out with Federal Police officers at Lafuente and F. Rivera. They escaped towards the Villa Soldati RR Station where one of the terrorists was apprehended. Police using helicopters and radio motor patrol re-engaged the two remaining terrorists at another location. One of the terrorists was captured; the other apparently escaped.

Two persons driving a Fiat 125 open fire with automatic weapons at police personnel at the location of Acevedo & Cabrera. The two men escaped and no policemen were injured.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. there was an explosion in a Japanese cargo ship anchored at dock F-5 in a military zone. Extent of damage is unknown.

February 24: Local press reported that Ana Marie Gonzalez, teenage terrorist who murdered Federal Police Chief Cesaro Cardozo, was killed in a confrontation with security forces in the first week of January.

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